

Thimble Thoughts

May, 2024

Chat with Tonya

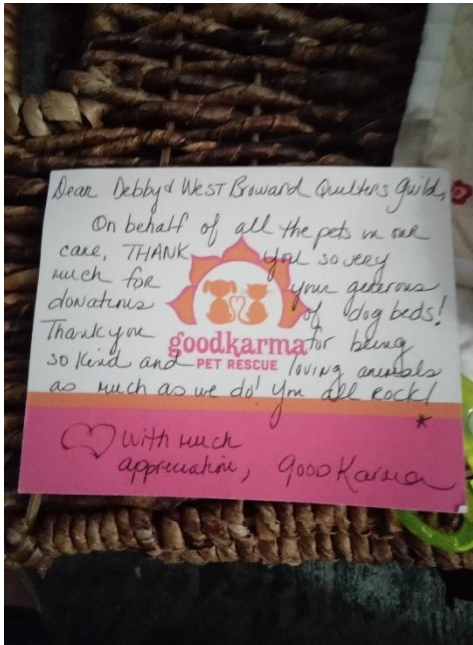
The colorful threads that create our quilts are also the threads that join us. These threads bring us together even though we are all different. We may have distinctive styles of quilting, diverse quilting experiences, or be in different places in our quilting journey. Our differences make our guild meetings so much more fascinating and rewarding.

Can you easily identify all of the board members? What do you know about our committee chairs? How many of the members can you call by name without looking at their name tags? When someone new comes to our meetings do you go out of your way to welcome them? The strength of our guild is reliant on how well we connect with each other. I have often approached other quilters for insight and wisdom which has helped me with my sewing and quilting.

The guild gives us a sense of purpose. This is especially important as we retire from the workforce. Younger quilters give us energy and have a unique perception to quilting. We may be new to quilting or an experienced quilter trying to learn a new technique. We may just focus on making quilts for charity. We all are different but we have one common purpose, quilting. Being active in the guild keeps our brains operating and engaged. Socialization is extremely beneficial to our overall health. It is important that we make connections so that we become better and happier quilters.

Happy quilting!
Tonya

Charitable Outreach



Hi, all,

Here is a thank you note from Good Karma Pet Rescue. We have donated to their dogs and cats in the past, and they are very grateful. Thank you to those who have donated your many scraps.

We also donated 8 children's quilts to Kidz Korner this month.

We collected 11 Veteran wall hangings, and 4 misc. other decorative quilts, so far. Our goal is 60 wall hangings before Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.

Remember there are a few guidelines:

- the dimensions are approximately 18" x 24"
- they are to be red, white, and blue

They are also requesting any other designs of hangings



or colorful quilts to decorate the Broward County Veterans Nursing Home unit.

I will not be able to attend the May meeting, so Ziva has agreed to take any donations that are brought.

Thank you for all you do,
Debby and Ziva

Fat Quarter Colors

This year we are coordinating the fat quarter colors with the holiday/theme of the following month:

May -- May flowers -- Small and medium florals

June -- 4th of July -- Red, White and Blue

July-- Back to School -- Black, Brown, Beige

August -- Fall -- Brown, Green, Orange, Yellow

September -- Halloween -- Orange, Black

October -- Thanksgiving -- Brown, Orange, White

November -- Holiday Colors -- Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, White

Upcoming Events Workshops/Programs

May Program:

WBQG Quilt Challenge 2024 - "Exceptionally Created Wall Hanging Design"

- **May meeting - Members who want to participate will bring in a half yard of fabric.**
- The fabric will be placed in a brown paper bag.
- Participants will draw a number for the order of selecting one of the brown paper bags.
- This hanging needs to be your own design. No patterns used for this wall hanging.
However, you may use patterns for your blocks.
- You will need to use at least 50% of the fabric you selected. You may need/use your own fabric and/or embellishments.
- The wall hanging can be any size.
- The quilt top needs to be finished. It would be great if it is quilted and has a binding but that does not disqualify you from the challenge.
- The Challenge will end in November. We will vote and there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

In case you missed this:

Bindings Made Easy by Nina

At our April meeting Nina demonstrated her easy uncomplicated binding techniques. She has created videos to refresh your memory. Click on the link to view.

<https://youtu.be/RXOKm1fXdBo?si=kApzECuQh7orgym3>



Barbara taught us how to face a quilt when a binding is not used.

What's happening at South Florida Quilt Expo

It's never too soon to think about entering a quilt for the 2025 Expo.

Quilt entry opens September 1, 2024, and we have an exciting new category :
Wearables and Other quilted items.

Other categories include Traditional, Applique, Modern. Mini, Challenge, Youth and Exhibit only.

See category descriptions and entry rules at www.SouthFloridaQuiltExpo.com

And don't forget the challenge:



tell us about yourself as a gnome

Wanted: Your ideas for a theme for the WBQG basket. Put on your creative thinking caps and let's come up with a basket everyone will want to win! We will vote on a theme at the next meeting.

Meanwhile...Guild members are busy making the Charity quilt which will be raffled at the EXPO



Refreshments/Raffle Gifts

Thanks to Scott Sachs, Joan Oelschlager and Laurajean Niesel for April snacks and gifts.

May reminder: Sheri Passwater, Regina Huffman, ZivaMordetsky

Always remember to check the refreshment supply box at the end of the meeting.



Diana Armendariz Smith 5/6
Delle Lenzen 5/20

Happy Birthday wishes to you!

BOM - May

Cecilia reminds you to always read all the instructions before cutting your fabric.

See instruction attachment.



Showing off our creativity!

Guild Meeting Minutes – April

Call to Order 10 am by President Tonya Shaw

1. Welcome
 - Introduction of Visitors
2. Announcements from Members
 - Featherweight for sale - flyer to be sent out
 - Men's shirting for free
3. Motions to approve February's meeting minutes – motion by Annette O. to approve, 2nd by Joan O. – unanimously approved.
4. Birthdays
 - Barbara Tate 4/4
 - Sheri Passwater 4/18
5. Old Business
 - Charity Quilt – Gerri Tredway – Nina has it pinned and ready to sew
Need ideas for charity to donate proceeds to
 - Theme for SFQE Basket – members to vote at next meeting
Options – Dogs, Spring Black & White, Rainbow
6. New Business

- WBQG Brochure – brochures received and distributed to members – will also be placed in quilts shops, etc.
- Guild Quilt Challenge – proposed ½ yard challenge – members switch fabrics, make a quilt with no purchased pattern. More information to follow next month
- SFQE Updates – Denise Glaser – quilt entry opens Sept 1, quilt categories and other information passed put to members, Palm Beach County Quilters (98 members) has joined SFQE as a participating guild

7. Reports

- VP – Jan Ross – 29 members, 4 visitors present
3 new members – Joann Marino. Anne Marie Langlois, Paula Wilson
 - Treasurer – Gerri Tredway – Income \$335, expense \$73, balance \$6485
 - Programs – Nina Anderson – trying to do more informational/ educational programs
 - Workshops – Barbara Tate – WB invited to join QUIP for Gerri Tredway placemat workshop Thursday May 9 after their guild meeting
 - Charity – Debbie Pennington – received several donation for the Vets home. We are trying to get 60 done by November. 22 dogs beds were donated last month
 - Newsletter – Lisa Imberman
8. BOM – Cecilia McConnell – this month’s blocks were displayed and next months was shown – pattern will be sent out to members

Break

9. Program – Borders, Bindings and Facings – Nina Anderson and Barbara Tate

10. Raffles

- Fat Quarters won by Delle and Cathy Dance
- Gift Bags won by Joan O., Janet (visitor) and Sandy S.
- 50/50 \$26 won by Tonya

10. Show and Tell

11. Reminders

Meeting Adjourned noon
Respectfully submitted,
Denise Glaser, Secretary

Show and Tell





Final Thoughts

Highlights from the QAYG Workshop with Daisy



Board

President	Tonya Fox Shaw		
Vice President	Jan Ross		
Treasurer	Gerri Tredway		
Secretary	Denise Glaser		
Past President	Eleanor Sasnett		

Supporting and Creative Committee Chairs

Programs	Nina Anderson		
Workshops	Barbara Tate		
BOM	Cecilia McConnell		
Charity	Debbie Pennington		
Newsletter	Lisa Imberman		

For sale

Husqvarna Viking Designer Topaz 30 for sale

I purchased this lightly used machine about a year ago, had it serviced by Azar and have never had the time to use it, so I am selling it.

It comes with 2 carrying cases, 2 hoops and all accessories.



\$500 or best offer
Denise Glaser

954-471-0190 deniseglaser@hotmail.com

Singer Featherweight for sale by Maria Giunta 954-635-7540...\$500

She is just the 2nd owner of this machine; her husband's aunt was the 1st.

The machine was recently serviced and has not been used since.

Please contact her directly if interested.

